

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2013**

Members Present:

Jan Little, Chairperson
James Bakunas, Member
Tara Dunning, Secretary
Linda O'Rourke, Member
Debbie Weiner, Member

Staff Present:

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

Guests Present:

Annie Brooks
Javed Irshad

Members Absent:

Donna Ferguson, Vice Chairperson
Janet Shelton, Member
Megan Waldschmidt, Member

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jan Little recognized that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority to order at 6:12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. Welcome and introductions were made. Pintar gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of the Human Rights Authority for the guests present.

Confidentiality Statement:

The Coordinator read the confidentiality statement which indicates that personally identifiable information will not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Changes to the Agenda:

The Chairperson reviewed the agenda and asked for changes. Hearing no changes the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 27, 2012 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by O'Rourke to accept the minutes with corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Weiner. Motion carried.**

Communications:

Pintar discussed the need for the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission to hire a statewide coordinator to conduct evaluations and make recommendations for people living in ICF/DD who request a more community based living environment. However, the state of Illinois is not hiring at the moment.

New Complaints:

13-050-9014 – Case management is not cooperating or helping obtain discharge. The treatment team meetings were held without notice to prepare for discharge and staff spoke with a relative without consent.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Weiner to accept case 13-050-9014 for investigation. Motion carried.

13-050-9015 – A guardian was not notified that her daughter was taken to the hospital and that there was a pending investigation by the Office of Inspector General until after the investigation was complete.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Dunning to accept case 13-050-9015 for investigation. Motion carried.

13-050-9016 Part A – An agency denies services based on the fact that a consumer owns a home.

A motion was made by Little and seconded by O'Rourke to accept case 13-050-9016 Part A for investigation. Motion carried.

13-050-9016 Part B – An agency does not provide services to help a person with a disability receive services in her home.

A motion was made by Bakunas and seconded by O'Rourke to accept case 13-050-9016 Part B for investigation. Motion carried.

13-050-9017 – An agency failed to adhere to the HRA and OIG recommendations and does not notify guardian of allegations of abuse or neglect.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Weiner to accept case 13-050-9017 for investigation. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Weiner to enter into closed session at 6:58 p.m. pursuant to Section 721 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss confidential and potentially identifiable information. Motion passed and the committee went into closed session.

Case Progress Reports:

Pintar reported on a number of cases that need investigating.

They include:

13-050-9005	13-050-9011
13-070-9006	13-050-9012
13-050-9008	13-050-9013
13-050-9009	

Draft Reports of Findings:

13-050-9010 – Pintar distributed his unsubstantiated report for review and approval.

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Weiner at 7:22 pm to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Bakunas. Motion passed.

Case Closures:

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Weiner to accept the draft report of findings for case 13-050-9010 with the correction of small typos. Motion carried.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Weiner to table closure of cases 12-050-9001, 13-050-9004 and 13-050-9006 until the February meeting to allow more time for the facility to respond. Motion passed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dunning to adjourn the meeting of the HRA. Weiner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Dunning, Secretary

Date Approved